

# WIN

To WINCE. *v. n.* [*guings*, Welsh.] To kick as impatient of a rider, or of pain.

I will sit as quiet as a lamb,  
I will not stir, nor wince, nor speak a word.  
Room, room, for my horse will wince,  
If he came within so many yards of a prince.  
The angry beast did straight resent  
The wrong done to his fundament,  
Began to kick, and fling, and wince,  
As if he had been beside his sense.

WINCH. *n. f.* [*guincher*, French, to twist.] A windlace; something held in the hand by which a wheel or cylinder is turned.

Put a winch with the wheel.  
To WINCH. *v. a.* [The same with *wince*, or perhaps from *guincher*, French, to twist; *winch* signifying sometimes to writhe or contort the body.] To kick with impatience; to shrink from any uneasiness.

We who have free souls,  
It touches not, let the gall'd jade wince;  
Our withers are unwrung.  
Have these bones rattled, and this head  
So often in thy quarrel bled!  
Nor did I ever wince or grudge it.  
This last allusion gall'd the panther more;  
Yet seem'd she not to wince, tho' shrewdly pain'd.  
Their consciences are gall'd, and this makes them wince  
and fling, as if they had some mettle.

WINDPIPE. *n. f.*  
There is a small red flower in the stubble-fields, which country people call the *windpipe*; which if it open in the morning, you may be sure, a fair day will follow.

WIND. *n. f.* [*pinb*, Saxon; *wind*, Dutch; *gwynt*, Welsh.]  
1. Wind is when any tract of air moves from the place it is in, to any other, with an impetus that is sensible to us, wherefore it was not ill called by the ancients, a swifter course of air; a flowing wave of air; a flux, effusion, or stream of air.

The worthy fellow is our general. He's the rock, the oak not to be wind-shaken.

Love's heralds should be thoughts,  
Which ten times faster glides than the sun beams,  
Driving back shadows over low'ring hills.  
Therefore do nimble-pinion'd doves draw love;  
And therefore hath the wind-swift Cupid wings.  
Falmouth lieth farther out in the trade way, and so offereth a sooner opportunity to wind-driven ships than Plymouth.  
Wind is nothing but a violent motion of the air, produced by its rarefaction, more in one place than another, by the sun-beams, the attractions of the moon, and the combinations of the earth's motions.

2. Direction of the blast from a particular point. As eastward; westward.

I'll give thee a wind.  
I myself have all the other,  
And the very points they blow;  
All the quarters that they know  
T' th' shipman's card.

3. Breath; power or act of respiration.

If my wind were but long enough to say my prayers, I would repent.  
His wind he never took whilst the cup was at his mouth, but justly observ'd the rule of drinking with one breath.  
The perfume of the flowers, and their virtues to cure shortness of wind in purify old men, seems to agree most with the orange.

It stop'd at once the passage of his wind,  
And the free soul to sitting air resign'd.

4. Air caused by any action.

On each side her  
Stood pretty dimpled boys, like smiling Cupids  
With divers colour'd fans, whose wind did seem  
To glow the delicate cheeks which they did cool.  
In an organ, from one blast of wind,  
To many a row of pipes the found-board breathes.

5. Breath modulated by an instrument.

Where the air is pent, there breath or other blowing, which carries but a gentle percussion, suffices to create sound; as in pipes and wind instruments.

Their instruments were various in their kind,  
Some for the bow, and some for breathing wind.

6. Air impregnated with scent.

A hare had long escap'd pursuing hounds,  
By often shifting into distant grounds,  
Till finding all his artifices vain,  
To save his life, he leap'd into the main.  
But there, alas! he could no safety find,  
A pack of dog-fish had him in the wind.

7. Flatulence; windiness.

It turns  
Wisdom to folly, as nourishment to wind.

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8. Any thing insignificant or light as wind.  
Think not with wind of airy threats to awe.

9. Down the WIND. To decay.

A man that had a great veneration for an image in his house, found that the more he prayed to it to prosper him in the world, the more he went down the wind hill.

10. To take or have the WIND. To gain or have the upper-hand.

Let a king in council beware how he opens his own inclinations too much, for else counsellors will but take the wind of him; instead of giving free counsel.

To WIND. *v. a.* [*pinban*, Sax. *winden*, Dutch, from the noun.]  
1. To blow; to found by inflation.

The squire 'gan nigher to approach,  
And wind his horn under the cattle wall,  
That with the noise it shook as it would fall.

2. To turn round; to twist.

Nero could touch and time the harp well; but in government sometimes he used to wind the pins too high, and sometimes let them down too low.

The figure of a sturdy woman done by Michael Angelo, washing and winding of linen cloaths, in which act she wrings out the water that made the fountain.

Wind the wood-bine round this arbour.

3. To regulate in action.

He vaulted with such ease into his seat,  
As if an angel dropt down from the clouds,  
To turn and wind a fiery pegasus,  
And witch the world with noble horsemanship.

4. To nole; to follow by scent.

5. To turn by shifts or expedients.

Whence turning of religion's trade  
The means to turn and wind a made.

6. To introduce by insinuation.

You have contriv'd to take  
From Rome all feason'd offices, and to wind  
Yourself into a power tyrannical.

7. To change.

Where our legislature vested in the prince, he might wind and turn our constitution at his pleasure, and shape our government to his fancy.

8. To entwine; to encircle.

Sleep thou and I will wind thee in my arms.  
You know me well, and herein spend but time  
To wind about my love with circumstance.

9. To WIND out. To extricate.

When he found himself dangerously embarked he bethought himself of all possible ways to disentangle himself, and to wind himself out of the labyrinth he was in.

10. To WIND up. To bring to a small compass, as a bottom of thread.

Without solemnly winding up one argument, and intimating that he began another, he lets his thoughts, which were fully possessed of the matter, run in one continued strain.

11. To WIND up. [Used of a watch.] To convolve the spring; to put in order to a certain end.

I frown the while, and perchance wind up my watch, or play with some rich jewel.

Fate seem'd to wind him up for fourcore years,  
Yet freshly ran he on, ten winters more:  
Till like a clock worn out with calling time,  
The wheels of weary life at last stood still.

12. To WIND up. To raise by degrees.

These he did so wind up to his purpose that they withdrew from the court.

When they could not coolly convince him, they raised, and called him an heretic: thus they wound up his temper to a pitch, and treacherously made use of that infirmity.

13. To WIND up. To straiten a string by turning that on which it is rolled; to put in tune.

Hylas! why sit we mute,  
Now that each bird saluteth the spring?  
Wind up the slacken'd strings of thy lute,  
Never canst thou want matter to sing.

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Your lute may wind its strings but little higher  
To tune their notes to that immortal quire.  
To WIND up. To put in order for regular action: from a watch.

O you kind gods!  
Cure this great breach of his abused nature;  
Th' untun'd and jarring senses, O, wind up,  
Of this child chang'd father.

The weyrd sisters, hand in hand,  
Potters of the sea and land,  
Thus do go about, about,  
Thrice to thine, and thrice to mine,  
And thrice again to make up nine:  
Peace, the charm's wound up.

To WIND. *v. n.*  
1. To turn; to change.

So swift your judgments turn and wind,  
You cast our fleetest were a mile behind.

2. To turn; to be convolved.

Some plants can support themselves, and some others creep along the ground, and wind about other trees, and cannot support themselves.

3. To move round.

If aught obstruct thy course, yet stand not still,  
But wind about, till thou hast topp'd the hill.

4. To proceed in flexures.

It shall not wind with such a deep indent,  
As rob me of so rich a bottom here.

He winds with ease  
Through the pure marble air his oblique way,  
Amongst innumerable stars.

5. To wind with care.

It was a rock winding with one ascent.  
The silver Thames, her own domestick flood,  
Shall bear her vessels, like a sweeping train;  
And often wind, as of his mistress proud,  
With longing eyes to meet her face again.

6. To wind with care.

Where woman's crooked fancy turns and winds,  
Still fix thy eyes intent upon the throng,  
And, as the palfies open, wind along.

7. To wind with care.

Swift ascending from the azure wave,  
He took the path that wind'd to the cave.

8. To wind with care.

Long lab'ring underneath, ere they could wind  
Out of such prison.

9. To wind with care.

Yet not for this the windward navy weigh'd;  
Slack were their sails, and Neptune disobey'd.

10. To wind with care.

When I bestir myself, it is high sea in his house; and when I sit still, his affairs forsooth are windward.

11. To wind with care.

Is it reasonable that our English fleet, which used to be the terror of the ocean, should be windward?

12. To wind with care.

Sound eggs sink, and such as are addled swim; as do also those termed hypenemia, or windeggs.

13. To wind with care.

An instrument or person by which any thing is turned round.

To keep troublesome servants out of the kitchen, leave the window sticking on the jack to fall on their heads.

2. A plant that twists itself round others.

Plants that put forth their sap hastily, have their bodies not proportionable to their length; and therefore they are winders and creepers, as ivy and bryony.

WINDFALL. *n. f.* [*wind* and *fall*.] Fruit blown down from the tree.

Gather now, if ripe, your Winter fruits, as apples, to prevent their falling by the great winds; also gather your windfalls.

WINDFLOWER. *n. f.* The anemone. A flower.

WINDGALL. *n. f.* [*wind* and *gall*.]

Windgalls are soft, yielding, fluctuant tumours or bladders, full of corrupt jelly, which grow upon each side of the fetlock joints, and are so painful in hot weather and hard ways, that they make a horse to halt.

3. To wind with care.

His horse infected with the falchion, full of windgalls, and sped with spavins.

WINDGUN. *n. f.* [*wind* and *gun*.] Gun which discharges the bullet by means of wind compressed.

The windgun is charged by the forcible compression of air, being injected through a syringe; the strike and distention of the imprisoned air serving, by the help of little sails or shutts within, to stop and keep close the vents by which it was admitted.

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Forc'd from windguns, lead itself can fly,  
And wondrous flugs cut swiftly through the sky.

WINDINESS. *n. f.* [*from windy*.]

1. Fulness of wind; flatulence.

A windiness and puffing up of your stomach after dinner, and in the morning.

2. Tendency to generate wind.

Sena loseth somewhat of its windiness by decocting; and, generally, subtle or windy spirits are taken off by incension or evaporation.

3. Tumour; puffiness.

From this his modest and humble charity, virtues which rarely cohabit with the swelling windiness of much knowledge, issued this.

WINDING. *n. f.* [*from wind*.] Flexure; meander.

It was the pleasantest voyage in the world to follow the windings of this river Inn, through such a variety of pleasing scenes as the course of it naturally led us.

The ways of heav'n are dark and intricate;  
Our understanding traces them in vain,  
Nor sees with how much art the windings run,  
Nor where the regular confusion ends.

WINDINGSHEET. *n. f.* [*wind* and *sheet*.] A sheet in which the dead are enwrapped.

These arms of mine shall be thy windingsheet;  
My heart, sweet boy, shall be thy sepulchre;  
For from my heart thine image ne'er shall go.

The great windingsheet, that bury all things in oblivion, are deluges and earthquakes.

The chaste Penelope, having, as she thought, lost Ulysses at sea, employed her time in preparing a windingsheet for Laertes, the father of her husband.

WINDLASS. *n. f.* [*wind* and *lass*.]

1. A handle by which a rope or lace is wrapped together round a cylinder.

2. A handle by which any thing is turned.

Thus do we of wisdom and of reach,  
With windlasses, and with allays of byas,  
By indirections find directions out.

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